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September 12, 1997

To: Delta Protection Commission

From: Margit Aramburu, Executive Director

Subject: Submittal of Yolo County Regarding Amendment to the Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta to Include Utilities and Infrastructure Policy P-3

Background:

On February 23, 1995, the Delta Protection Commission adopted the Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta (Plan). The Delta Protection Act (Act) states that within 180 days of the adoption of the Plan, or any amendments by the Commission, all local governments shall submit to the Commission proposed amendments which will cause their general plans to be consistent with the Act and the Plan (PRC, Section 29763).

On March 18, 1997, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors adopted a General Plan amendment which states:

The "Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta" adopted by the Delta Protection Commission is incorporated herein by this reference and shall apply in those areas designated with such Plan.

In addition, on December 17, 1996, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance regulating the land application of biosolids which specifically states "Biosolids shall not be applied to any land that is within the Delta Primary Zone" (section 6-12.03(c)).

On April 4, 1997, at the direction of the Commission, staff sent a letter to Yolo County informing the County of the new regulation (Utilities and Infrastructure Policy P-3) which had been amended into the Plan. That regulation states:

New sewage treatment facilities (including storage ponds) and areas for disposal of sewage effluent and sewage sludge shall not be located with the Delta Primary Zone.

[Note: The Rio Vista project, as described in the adopted Final Environmental Impact Report for such project, and the Ironhouse Sanitary District use of Jersey Island for disposal of treated wastewater and biosolids are exempt from this policy.]

Description of County Lands within the Primary Zone:

The lands within Yolo County which are located in the Primary Zone of the Delta includes about 75,000 acres in the northern Delta. The County lands are bisected by the Sacramento Deepwater Ship Channel, which connects the Sacramento River near Rio Vista to the Port of Sacramento in West Sacramento. The lands west of the ship channel make up much of the Yolo Bypass, a federal floodway. The lands east of the ship channel include Merritt Island and the community of Clarksburg.

Yolo County's Submittal:

County staff has submitted a letter dated September 9, 1997(see attached copy) which states that no further general plan amendment is needed to ensure conformance with the Commission's amended Plan.

Staff Analysis:

Staff has reviewed the County's amended General Plan, the County's adopted biosolids ordinance, and the County's current letter, and agrees that no further general plan amendment is necessary to ensure compliance with the amendment to the Commission's Plan. If the Commission concurs, staff will so notify the County. If the Commission wants to consider the County's position further, the matter should be set for public hearing.



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September 9, 1997

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Subject: Amendment to the Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the
Primary Zone of the Delta

Dear Ms. Aramburu;

This is in response to your letter regarding the Office of Administrative Law's adoption of the same language as the Delta Plan's Utilities and Infrastructure Policy P-3.

On March 18, 1997, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors approved the Land Use and Resource Management Plan and integrated the Plan with the Yolo County General Plan. With this integration, the County's General Plan is consistent with the Delta Commission's Plan, and no further amendments are necessary by Yolo County.

Yolo County continues to support the preservation and protection of the vast resources of the Delta. If you should need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me @ (916) 666-8043.

Sincerely,

David Flores
Senior Planner